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SUBJECT : CONCORDE ARRIVES IN BAHRAIN

1. BRITISH AIRWAYS INAUGURAL FLIGHT OF THE LONDON-BAHRAIN CONCORDE SERVICE ARRIVED, ON SCHEDULE AND AMID MUCH LOCAL AND IMPORTED GLITTER, WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 21, FOUR HOURS AND FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER TAKEOFF. AMONG THE NOTABLES ON BOARD THE FLIGHT WERE: THE DUKE OF KENT, DAVID ENNALS (SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS), PETER SHORE (SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE), ERIC VARLEY (SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY), AND LORD BOYD CARPENT (CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY).

2. CURRENT BRITISH AIRWAYS PLANNING IS FOR TWICE-WEEKLY FLIGHTS - LEAVING LONDON MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS AND RETURNING FROM BAHRAIN TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS. COST OF TICKETS IS THE FIRST CLASS FARE FOR SUBSONIC PLANES PLUS FIFTEEN PERCENT.

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THIS RATE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY HMG AND BAHRAINI APPROVAL IS

EXPECTED SHORTLY.

3. COMMENT: THE BAHRAINI GOVERNMENT AND RULING FAMILY
ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMED THE VISITING ROYALTY AND OFFICIALDOM,
SEEMING TO REGARD THE CONCORDE SERVICE AND THE VIP VISIT AS A
HIGH POINT IN THE "MODERN" AND ESSENTIALLY COMMERCIAL RELATION-
SHIP BETWEEN BAHRAIN AND ITS FORMER PROTECTING POWER. THE
SERVICE IS ALSO APPRECIATED LOCALLY AS ANOTHER IMPORTANT
FEATHER IN BAHRAIN'S CAP AS "REGIONAL CENTER".
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